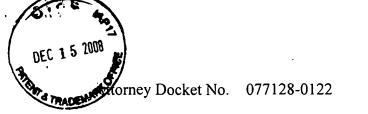
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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 12, 2008

MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In a response to the final Office Action mailed June 12, 2008, Applicants submit the following Reply. The statutory period for response was set to expire September 12, 2008; therefore, Applicants include a Three Month Extension of Time with this Reply, extending the due date to December 12, 2008.

This Reply should be considered a submission in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 (see attached *Transmittal*). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the cost of this request in accordance with §1.17(e) to Deposit Account No. 13-0206. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.